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November 25, 2009
Subject: **Statewide Trusses & Signs**
Federal Project No: STP-1302(300)X
State Pin No: 013023.00
Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the following change to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Book (page 1), "NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS" **CHANGE** the bid opening date from December 2, 2009 to read "**December 9, 2009**". Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: Special Provision 645 (Sign Foundations) references drilled shaft foundations exclusively. Would the department consider allowing spread foot foundations to allow the contractor an option when analyzing the most cost effective foundation? Drilled shafts limit the foundation work to be performed by a select few specialty contractors and spread footing option would allow a greater number of foundation contractors the opportunity to bid the project.

Response: The Special Provision for Section 645 referencing drilled shaft foundations supplements the MaineDOT Standard Specifications and is intended to provide specific guidance for any Contractor who wishes to use drilled shaft foundations. Section 645 of the Standard Specifications still applies, which states that foundation designs shall be in accordance with the AASHTO "Standard Specifications for Structural Supports for Highway Signs, Luminaries and Traffic Signal." The AASHTO Standard specifically permits both spread footing foundations and drilled shafts. Any foundation design selected must include detailed shop drawings and design calculations prepared by a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Maine.

Question: With only a two week bid period and the Thanksgiving holiday in between for both State offices and Contractor, we request you postpone the bid opening of this project one week to 12-9-09.



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Response: Yes, please see the above pen and ink change.

Consider this change and information prior to submitting your bid on **December 9**, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Bickford", followed by the word "For" in a similar script.

Scott Bickford
Contracts & Specifications Engineer